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Grant: Union Bigotry and Anti-Semitism Exposed

By Lew Regenstein

Movies, television programs, and history books tell us that the “Civil War” was waged by the virtuous Union forces, against the cruel and evil Confederacy, over the issue of slavery.

Indeed, it has become common to see the Confederate battle flag compared with the swastika, and the South compared to Nazi Germany.

But those who fought in this war, and those affected by it, know that this depiction might better fit the other side.

Indeed, while the South fought a war that was gentlemanly and honorable by the standards of those times, the North regularly engaged in persecution of and atrocities against civilians, most of which have been conveniently cleansed from the history of those times.

Waging War Against Civilians

In stark violation of the then-prevailing rules of warfare, the troops of Union generals Grant, Sherman, and Sheridan burned and looted homes, farms, courthouses, libraries, businesses, and entire cities full of defenseless civilians, including my hometown of Atlanta, as part of official Union policy not only to defeat but to utterly destroy the South.

And before, during, and after the War, this Union army used the same and even worse tactics to massacre Native Americans in what we euphemistically call “The Indian Wars” — a mass murder, a virtual genocide, of Native Americans, including helpless old men, women, and children in their villages.

[The eradication of the Plains Indians from 1865 through 1866, for example, was carried out to seize land for the western railroads. So the Union army was hardly the forerunner of the civil rights movement, as many would have us believe.]

In a new book, Professor Anya Jabour describes the shocking persecution of Southern children during the

War, how even youngsters were “singled out for violence...shattering Southern children’s very world.”

In “Topsy Turvy: How the Civil War Turned the World Upside Down for Southern Children,” she tells of how Union soldiers “wreaked havoc on the South,... were very cruel even to the children, destroying food, furniture, and possessions of families, threatening children with violence, even sexual assault, often in front of other family members, ...brandishing whips and pistols. Nor were the children of slaves spared, with soldiers “demanding that they sing and dance...” on pain of torture and beatings.

America’s Worst Act of Anti-Semitism

On December 17, 1862, Union general Ulysses S. Grant issued his infamous “General Order # 11,” expelling all Jews “as a class” from his conquered territories within 24 hours.

As a result of Grant’s expulsion order, Jewish families were forced out of their homes in Paducah, Kentucky, Holly Springs, and Oxford Mississippi, and a few were sent to prison. When some Jewish victims protested to President Lincoln, the Attorney General Edward Bates advised the President that he was indifferent to such objections, “myself feeling no particular interest in the subject.”

Nevertheless, on 4 January, 1863, Lincoln had Grant’s odious order rescinded, but by then, some Jewish families in the area had been expelled, humiliated, terrified, and jailed, and some stripped of their possessions.

[As Bertram W. Korn writes in his classic work, “American Jewry and the Civil War” (1951):

They still tell stories of the expulsion in Paducah, Ky.; of the hurried departure by riverboat up the Ohio to Cincinnati; of a baby almost left behind in the haste and confusion and tossed bodily into the boat; of two dying

women permitted to remain behind in a neighbor’s care. Thirty men and their families were expelled from Paducah, and according to affidavits by some of “the most respectable Union citizens of the city,” the deportees “had at no time been engaged in trade within the active lines of General Grant...” Two had already served brief enlistments in the Union army.]

The officials responsible for the United States government’s most vicious anti-Jewish actions ever were never dismissed, admonished or, apparently, even officially criticized for the religious persecution they

inflicted on innocent citizens.

Other instances of this widespread Yankee bigotry are described by historians of the era, such as Robert Rosen in “The Jewish Confederates.” They recount how Jews in Union-occupied areas, such as New Or-

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Inconvenient Truths About Southern Secession

by Bill Miller

During this 150th anniversary of South Carolina’s withdrawal from the Union, one question will be endlessly debated. Many will mistakenly phrase it as “What caused the War Between the States?” But as there was only one cause of the War—Lincoln’s invasion—that’s not the debatable question. What people really mean to ask is, “What caused South Carolina to secede?” The controversy over *causes* deals with secession, not war.

Secession had no single cause. A number of issues, both economic and cultural, were contributing factors. For example, Virginia, North Carolina, Tennessee, and Arkansas initially rejected the idea of secession until Lincoln unmasked his intentions by calling for troops.

While the everlasting debate over causes will never find universal agreement, an examination in order of the highly controversial, and frequently discussed, theory that slavery

was the foremost cause.

South Carolina’s Declaration of the Causes of Secession, adopted on December 24, 1860, is the most customarily quoted “proof” that slavery was at the core of secession. Among the major causes, this political document cited the North’s refusal to return escaped slaves and its encouragement of slaves to flee their homes. Also cited were the North’s hostility over slavery, Lincoln’s election dividing the Union and the exclusion of the South from the common territories.

It sure reads as if secession were all about slavery, but with close inspection, it becomes clear that South Carolina created this document to build its legal case that the Constitution had been violated, thereby justifying secession. Surprisingly to some, South Carolina’s secession, even absent the War, would do more to cripple the institution of slavery than strengthen it. For instance, by being out of the Union, South Carolina lost all access to the territories and gave up any possibility of escaped slaves being returned,

which would therefore increase the likelihood of even more slaves taking their chances—all of which would further hasten slavery’s demise.

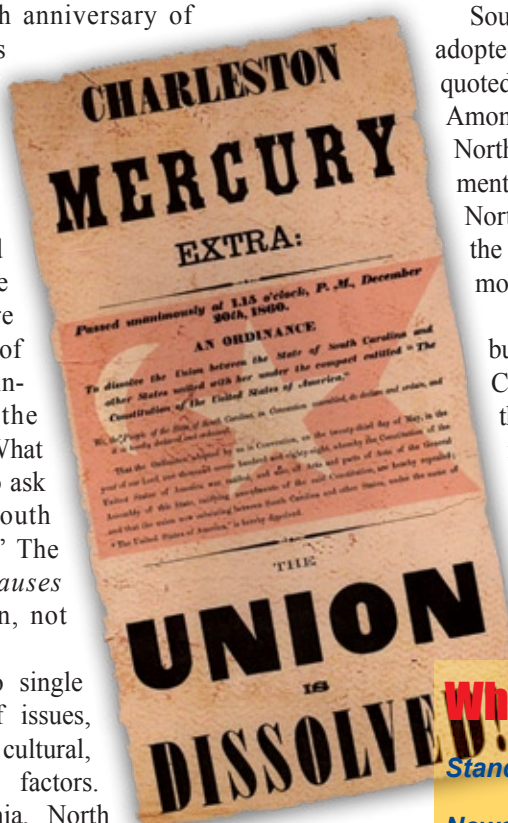
Of even more significance, during his first inaugural address, Lincoln pledged to insure the return of escaped slaves, and offered his support for an amendment to the Constitution (the Corwin Amendment), passed by Congress and guaranteeing slavery in perpetuity, provided however that seceded states return to the Union. Lincoln even wrote all Union governors asking for their support of the Amendment, which plainly stated,

“No amendment shall be made to the Constitution which will authorize or give to Congress the power to abolish or interfere, within any state, with domestic institutions thereof, including that of persons held to labor or service by the laws of said state.”

Ohio, Maryland, and Illinois ratified the amendment, but it died when the seceded states refused to return.

If slavery were the primary cause of secession, the seceded

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The centennial of the Cause for Southern Independence was celebrated 50 years ago during a time of civil and political unrest, threat of nuclear war and an economy that was competing heavily with “everything made in Japan”. However, many Americans seemed more “tuned in” to the history in 1960 than most are today. Much has been lost with the passing of time and governments are facing huge deficits leaving no money to help promote the celebration of the sesquicentennial now upon us. So, what will we do?

Today, in 2010, the global economy is in much worse condition than in

1960, the Mid East continues in turmoil with the threat of Iran developing nuclear weapons, and American manufacturing is competing with “everything made in China”. There is no money in the SC State Budget to promote the Cause for Southern Independence so the question comes to the Sons of South Carolina again....what will we do?

If we listen to the mainstream, the media and those who simply wish to overlook or erase history, we’ll do nothing. But knowing the men of the South Carolina Division, SCV, we don’t tuck our tails and run from political correctness, but rather we run to it. If that comment is indeed true, what will you do to celebrate the sesquicentennial?

Let me tell you a couple of things I plan on doing and perhaps you will likewise follow suit in your hometown:

I plan to write an editorial to my local paper once per quarter outlining events, battles, men of the Confederacy and in particular men of South Carolina who served her well. I plan on displaying various Confederate flags at my home depicting many of the changes that occurred in flag designs throughout the 4 ½ year period, beginning with the SC Secession Banner in December 2010 and don’t forget, our own SC State Palmetto Flag. January 2011 is South Carolina State Flag month commemorating the 150th anniversary of our beloved banner. The SC general assembly has fully endorsed our recommendation to commemorate the flag by its joint resolution during the 2010 session so let’s be certain to bring as much recognition to our State flag as possible. Additionally, I’ll also buy a set of sesquicentennial coins from the SC Division helping us sell all 3,000 sets and thus bring in the largest ever, fund raiser in SCV history. Completing that Division initiative will guarantee sufficient funds to do just about anything we want to celebrate the sesquicentennial, including the restoration and preservation of all Confederate flags in the CRR & MM and completing the SC Signers Monument.

As your Division Commander I want to encourage every Camp to establish a sesquicentennial calendar, pinpointing important dates of history from 1860 – 1865 and ask your local newspaper to list them and run a story reminiscing the events of our State during the war. Create a committee of writers or simply appoint one talented compatriot who has the gift of writing. At the same time I urge you to contact your local schools and ask for the opportunity to tell these stories to students, inviting them to celebrate our rich Confederate heritage. Most of our Camps are already actively involved in promoting the charge on a regular basis, but now is the time to “step it up”.

As I said earlier, we don’t run from political correctness but rather we run to it. Let’s renew our vision for the SCV and rally our troops like never before. This is our time, our season and it’s time for us to raise the standard and be all we can be for the men who wore the gray. So, what will you do?

Partisan Wins Yet Again!



The Editors and staff of the Palmetto Partisan, the official newsletter of the South Carolina Division, are pleased to report that the Partisan has once again received the prestigious Dewitt Smith Jobe Award for the Best Division newsletter at the Sons of Confederate Veterans National Convention in Anderson, SC, this past July. Our thanks go to all those who contributed to the Partisan’s success.

The Sons Of Confederate Veterans National Reunion In Anderson, SC

by Rev. Robert Slimp

The beautiful Civic Center in Anderson was the scene of the Reunion as about 700 registered members of the Na-

Confederate ancestors.

Commander Wilson then introduced Compatriot Jack Marlar of South Carolina, who addressed the gathering on the importance of the Sam Davis Youth Camps, noting that there are two held every year and that the young people who attend are the future of the SCV. Compatriot Marlar then introduced Miss Kirstin Stonehill of Lexington, SC who was a camp attendee and gave an enthusiastic presentation on the youth camp’s history. Hats were passed and more than \$1000 was raised for the Sam Davis Youth Camp.

Compatriot Trip Wilson of South Carolina gave a presentation concerning



Palmetto Partisan Editor Bill Norris and SC Division CIC Mark Simpson accept the Dewitt Smith Jobe Award for best division newsletter

tional Sons of Confederate Veterans came together for our 115th annual gathering.

The meeting opened on Thursday morning, July 24 at 8:30, after being called to order by the National Commander-in-Chief Charles McMichael. The opening invocation was given by Chaplain-in-Chief, Dr. Rev. Cecil A. Fayard. After salutes to the United States and Confederate flags, the Charge was read by the South Carolina Division Commander, and then National Adjutant, Mark Simpson.

Ron Wilson Commandeer of the host Manse Jolly Camp # 6 introduced the Head Table, after which each welcomed the gathering to Anderson. Leading off was the Mayor of Anderson, Terence Roberts, who read a proclamation from the Anderson City Council welcoming the Sons of the Confederate Veterans to the host city. Following the Mayor were local and state dignitaries including state Representative Dan Cooper, state Senator Billy O’Dell, and state Attorney General Henry McMaster who spoke of his great respect for his



H.L. Hunley Camp # 143 of Summerville, Cmdr: Ben Bunting accepts the Dr. George R. Tabor Award for national camp of the year from CIC Chuck McMichael

the new SCV Junior ROTC Program for high school students. The program has been operational in South Carolina for several years and is now being expanded to the rest of the Confederation.

Two real sons, H. B. Booth of the Lt.

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THE FIELD PULPIT

Ken Temples
SC Division Chaplain



Greetings Compatriots,

First let me say thank you to those of you that serve your Camp as Chaplain. There is no more humble position than yours. Thank you all for your earnest prayers lifted up in behalf of your fellow Compatriots in their time of need. I also want to congratulate Rev. Mark Evans of the 16th Regt. Camp in Greenville on being selected as our National Chaplain-in-Chief. No better man could have been selected.

What will you do With the Storms of Life?

All across this vast country people are experiencing the Storms of Life. They come in various ways; loss of job, marriage problems, death of a loved one, sickness and more. Storms will always be with us in life, but the question is how do we deal with them?

One of my favorite personalities of the War was General Wade Hampton's Chaplain, Anthony Toomer Porter. He faced many storms after the War with one being the death of his most precious 13 year old son. Each year on the anniversary of his son's death he would pay his grave a visit and weep there for hours. So it was there in the midst of that graveyard, surrounded by those sleeping and dear to others, that he reflected on the present condition of his beloved boy. He thought about how his son was now enjoying those things for which he was only hoping; peace, joy, comfort, and life everlasting; when he began to think about the little friends that his son left behind and who for the most part,



were orphaned by the war, thoroughly impoverished, and growing up perfectly destitute of educational advantages.

With that thought, Mr. Porter got up from his knees and embarked on a mission to preserve his child's memory by helping those little ones that once called his son friend, and with God's Grace, started one of the most respected Orphanages and school for boys in the South. Mr. Porter faced the storm with an action to help those around him and his legacy continues

today as the Porter-Gaud School in Charleston.

So don't look backwards at the destruction that was left by the storm, but forward toward the Rainbow in the sky and remember God's promises. Search the scriptures for words of inspiration and hope.

Psalm 40: 1-4a – I waited patiently for the Lord and He inclined to me (2) He also brought me up out of a horrible pit. Out of the miry clay, And set my feet upon a rock, and established my steps. (3) He has put a new song in my mouth – Praise to our God; Many will see it and fear, and trust in the Lord. (4) Blessed is that man who makes the Lord his trust.

When the storms of life come your way, don't tell God how big your storm is. He already knows. But tell the storm how big your God is!

**Your Friend and Chaplain,
Ken Temples**

HERITAGE DEFENSE REPORT

John Sutton
Chairman, Heritage Defense Committee

I am very honored to have been appointed by Commander Simpson to serve as the SC Division's Heritage Defense Chairman. I shall endeavor to do my best to serve you and your camps. Please do not hesitate to contact me for assistance; keep in mind that sooner is always better than later when dealing with both the attackers and with the public.

If you have been serving in any Heritage Defense capacity, especially as a designated officer for a Camp or Brigade, please contact me as well so that we can maximize our collective efforts. Also, if you would like to serve, please contact your local commander and myself – we always need men of mettle to engage our attackers in an honourable yet effective fashion.

To this end, for both individual and group concerns, I have set up a designated e-mail address. Please contact me at scheritagedefense@hotmail.com. I check this e-mail address at least daily, so you can be assured of a quick response. I look forward to hearing from you!

The Hardwick case is now going to district court in Richmond, VA with hearings scheduled for this October. I will keep you informed of any further developments.

The men who wore the Grey for us surely are proud and grateful for our efforts to preserve their history, our heritage.

I stand ready to serve you and your camps!

I remain in the Service of King Jesus, For the Cause:



**John M. Sutton, Chairman
Heritage Defense Committee
South Carolina Division**

SC Division Leadership Conference

The Sons of Confederate Veterans South Carolina Division will be hosting its annual leadership conference on

JANUARY 8, 2011.

The leadership training conference will be held at

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The annual conference features sessions to promote strong leadership in the areas of

Commander

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If you have a passion to serve your camp in a leadership role, this conference is for you.

Lunch will be provided.

To RSVP or for more information

contact Chief of Staff David E. Rentz

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MUSTER

Leland Summers
SC Division Lt. Commander

In a few days our Sesquicentennial Anniversary will begin. It will continue for the next four and one half years. This time is not about us. It is about them. It is about our courageous and tenacious ancestor who gave all to protect his home, family, and lifestyle. It is about him standing for the right of self-government. It gives us the opportunity to uphold our charge to see that the "true history of the South is taught to future generations". Each brigade has a representative on the SCV Sesquicentennial Committee. These compatriots have been working diligently and vigilantly in planning events and activities for us to carry out our charge. I believe the first event will take place on November 30th in Chesterfield, SC. It will be a reenactment of the Secession meeting that took place there on the same date in 1860. First in Secession Camp #1963 is putting on this event. I hope that each camp in SC will do at least one local event that will show the truth. Please make sure that your brigade committee member knows what your camp plans to do so that the Division can assist you in getting the word out. What have you done for our Sesquicentennial thus far? By contributing \$65 you can put a historically accurate lesson plan into the hands of a public school teacher and receive a sesquicentennial shirt to wear for your efforts. If you have not done this yet, I hope that you will do so soon.



Sesquicentennial will bring something else to our doorsteps that we are quite familiar with. That is political correctness and heritage violations. It is not a matter of if it will occur. It is a matter of when and where it will occur. We are to be ever-mindful of this and notify your brigade commander when it happens so as a division we can deal with it face-to-face. We must be pro-active rather than reactive. I can assure you that your division officers stand ready to assist you in dealing with these issues as they arise. After all, truth is on our side.

You have no doubt heard Commander Simpson, Past Commander Burbage, me and other Division officers say more than once that the SC Division is the strength of our organization. This is so evident at national events. The vigor of our division is in our camps. The potential of our camps is you, our compatriots. To continue the trend that we have established, we must educate ourselves in order to educate others. The most effective manner to accomplish this is educational programs at our monthly camp meetings. Some camps struggle with this.

Some camps spend a great deal of money getting quality programs. Some camps do nothing and wonder why attendance and participation declines. A clever expression of an old college professor was that you can't teach what you have not learned any more than you can come back from some place that you have never been. I think that you will find, if your camp has regular educational programs at your meetings and if these programs are publicized, that attendance and participation will improve. Most camps have a Lieutenant Commander that has this responsibility. Some camps report that they have difficulty finding a meaningful program. Smaller camps report that they cannot afford to pay individuals to do programs. To assist in accomplishing this, Chief of Staff Rentz has made available by internet, to each camp, a form that is to be used to record and document information about programs that your camp has received. I ask that each camp identify five programs that you consider to be of quality during the past twelve months. Complete a Speaker's Bureau form on each program and e-mail it to scltcommand@yahoo.com I will catalogue them by subject matter and screen them as to avoid duplication. This information will be posted on the SC Division website and be made available to each camp in our division.

On a personal note, as many of you know, I was involved in a serious automobile accident on May 16, 2010 when I was returning home with onions for my camp. This has been a life-changing experience for me. I continue to recuperate from the initial injuries along with some other health issues that were brought on by the accident. I mention this for one reason. That is to tell you THANKS for all you have done for me and my family. This has included visits, phone calls, cards, letters, fruit baskets, food, and offers for assistance. The most important thing that you have done for me is pray for my recovery. Each prayer has been heartfelt. Sherri, Kevin, and I could not have made it through this most difficult time if it had not been for you. We are eternally grateful for each of you. I remind you that the office of Lieutenant Commander is that of service. I look forward to hearing from you as to how I may serve you and your camp.



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“Sesquicentennial” -- as difficult as it is to say, that is nothing to be compared with the difficulty of knowing what to do about it. What we do know is this – we have only one chance.

With that said, the only goal worthy of the South Carolina Division’s efforts is one that is memorable. It should be something not just commemorative of history, but a historical achievement in itself.

The effort needs to be successful in honoring the 150th anniversary of the events associated with The Cause for Southern Independence. Yet, it must also be something that will make our organization more successful in the years to come.

Not that this project, whatever it might be, should solely concern South Carolina. Our division is full of men whose Confederate ancestor came from another state.

Already underway were plans for the Palmetto Sesquicentennial Series, 500 5-coin sets depicting significant South

Carolina people and places from 1861 to 1865. So, what, then was to be done for the broader scope of Confederate history?

After some brainstorming and deliberation by our division’s Sesquicentennial Committee the idea jumped out at us – once again, commemorative coins, another collector set, and this one representing all states in the Confederacy. Like the other set, these coins would be .999 pure silver, numbered and in a protective casing. There would be 3000 sets only, with no individual coins being sold.

Concept in place, the question turned to the details of the project. Because we wanted each coin to be unique and truly represent each state, we rolled out a program in which our sister divisions could become “Partners” by offering a design concept and underwriting the expenses associated with their coin. For their efforts, they would be rewarded with a generous payout at the conclusion of the Program.

Like all business propositions, some of the divisions

were able to act on the offer and some were not. In fact, of the other 12 states, four opted to become Partners. While the remaining eight states were still encouraged to develop a design concept for their state’s coin, we were still left with financing issues that needed to be addressed.

A replacement financing arrangement, a “Shareholder” program, was made available to the camps of the division. A share was priced at \$500 each (with a maximum purchase of five), earning the Shareholder a payout of \$3 for each set sold. If the Program sells out completely, that is a “Dividend” of \$9000 (net return of \$8500) for each share purchased.

That brings us up to today – and the choice that you and your camp will make. At this writing, there are still a few shares available for sale. This is an unprecedented opportunity with minimal risk. The Program consists of 3000 units; it only takes 167 (about 5.6%) to recover the investment. A full sell-out of the Program brings in a 17-to-1 return on investment. Numbers like these are not readily available in other investments.

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Captain Thomas Jefferson Page: American Naval Hero, Confederate Navy Officer, Unreconstructed Southerner

Thomas Jefferson Page was a member of America's most prominent families. His Grandfather, Thomas Nelson, was among the signatories of the Declaration of Independence for Virginia and the first militia commander of Virginia, appointed by Thomas Jefferson, future third President of the USA. Page was named after him. In his family were Congressmen and Senators, builders of the original Union as it once was.

Young Thomas J. Page chose the career of a United States Navy officer. He was appointed midshipman October 1st 1827 and promoted to Lieutenant December 20th 1839.

Lieutenant Page commanded the USS *Plymouth* in 1849 in the expeditions to the China Sea and the Sea of Japan. Page also commanded the USS *Water Witch* in which he explored the Argentine rivers Paraguay and Bermejo in the 1850's. He became Commander in 1855 and carried out a hydrographical survey of the New York coastline and worked under Commodore Matthew Fontaine Maury at the Naval Observatory in Washington. At that time he was already a highly renowned naval explorer in America.

Upon secession of his state however, Page resigned from the US Navy on April 22, 1861 and chose to defend his native Virginia from Yankee aggression. He became a CS Army Colonel and helped to prepare the artillery defense of Richmond.

On May 13, 1863 Page was commissioned a CSN Captain and sent to Europe.

Near the end of the War, he got command of the only armored warship which had survived Yankee political pressures in England and France: the CSS *Stonewall* ironclad ram corvette. She was one of the most powerful vessels of its class. The *Stonewall* was built in France; due to maneuvers of Yankee diplomats

in Paris to have her seized, the Confederate Intelligence sold her to Denmark and then re-bought the vessel in a covert operation. Capt. Page took her to the appointed secret rendezvous, where she was supplied with stores and made ready to cross the Atlantic. The *Stonewall* touched Northwest Spain for two days, where the last

but with the War already won in April, the *Stonewall* having arrived in Cuba too late to break the blockade, a triumphant Yankee victory - now to be made "glorious" by propaganda measures meant of course to quickly forget that inglorious incident. Now thinking of it, isn't it time to claim a late Southern naval victory?

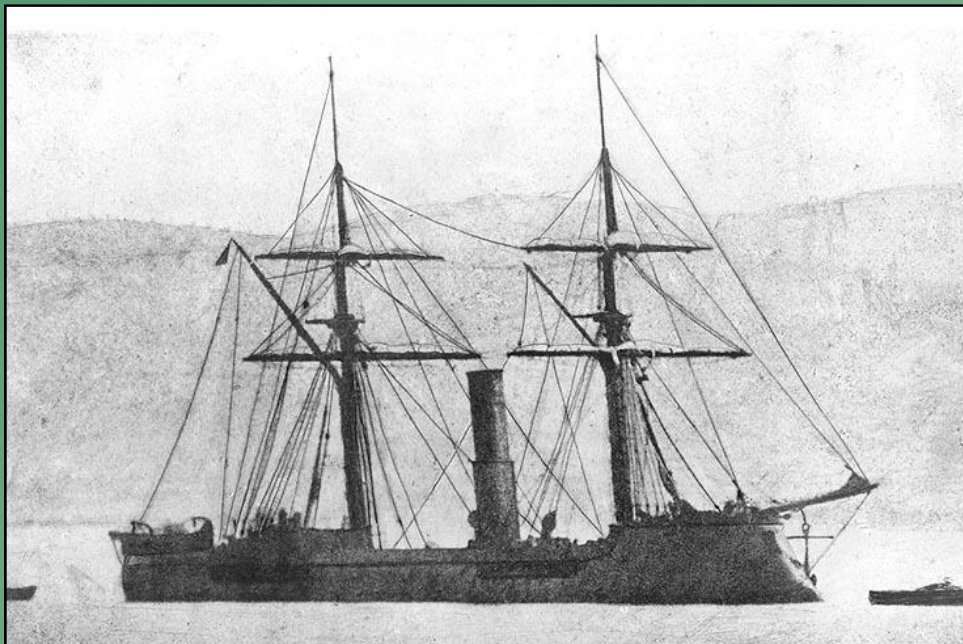
One single Confederate ironclad corvette scaring away two Union steam frigates in March 1865 - just by being afloat, without firing one shot! I think we can call that a victory, don't you?

Once at Cuba Capt. Page learned of the surrender. The Union consul ordered him to acknowledge the fact and to turn over his ship. Page refused to do so and offered the *Stonewall* to the Military-Governor of Cuba for the small amount of \$16,000.00 (to pay-off his crew). The deal was carried out as the Spanish had big interest in the ship but to prevent diplomatic troubles the Queen of Spain quickly ordered that it be re-sold to the USA for the same amount.

Thomas J. Page was among the most hardcore Confederates. He never surrendered, never accepted Reconstruction and never went back to occupied Virginia. Trying to find a new home he settled in Argentina and got involved

developing the coastal defenses there. He tried unsuccessfully to promote, in South America, a torpedo ship developed by John Ericsson (the inventor of the USS Monitor). In later years Page and his family, including his son, CSA Artillery Major Thomas Jefferson Jr., eventually moved to Rome, where Captain Page died in 1899. Exactly 111 years after his death SCV Europe Camp #1612 has marked the Page family gravesite with a long-deserved Cross of Honor.

Raphael Waldburg-Zeil
European Associate Editor



Heavily retouched photograph of the CSS Stonewall taken in Ferrol, Spain the day before leaving to Lisbon. This is the last picture of the ship in Confederate service. Note the 2nd National flag on the gaff of the mizzen-mast. (USNHC)

picture of the ship in CSN service was taken. Then Capt. Page left for Lisbon, Portugal for a final supply of coal.

Steam frigates USS *Niagara* and *Sacramento* waited off Portuguese waters to intercept the *Stonewall* but only to get an unexpected surprise: once on the high seas both Yankee ships saw how formidable the Confederate ironclad was and decided to avoid combat and to flee. Such an act of cowardice in presence of the enemy would have resulted in a court martial in 1862 and some death penalties signed in Washington,

~ Dedication Of Honor Monument ~

One hundred and fifty years ago, the people of South Carolina called for a special Convention to debate the idea of seceding from the United States of America. Delegates were chosen by district and assembled in Columbia on December 17, 1860. Due to an outbreak of smallpox in the Columbia area, the assembly was adjourned to Charleston.

These men were considered to be the most learned and distinguished men of our state. Among this group of well educated men were five graduates from Yale University, nine from Princeton, five from Harvard, and many others from South Carolina schools such as South Carolina College and the Citadel. They were planters, lawyers, judges, doctors, ministers, college presidents,

educators, merchants, politicians, and founders of colleges. They were willing to risk their fortunes, their homes, their families, and their lives for their beliefs for the protection of the people of South Carolina.

Upon meeting in Charleston on December 20, 1860, and after much debate, these delegates voted unanimously to secede from the Union. However, the signing of this ordinance was not the cause of the subsequent war, what followed was a rush of ten other states, seeing their rights in danger and holding their own conventions, joined South Carolina in leaving the Union. The war that followed was the most costly war in our nation's history. Many of the signers answered the call to arms. Some perished in the horrors of war

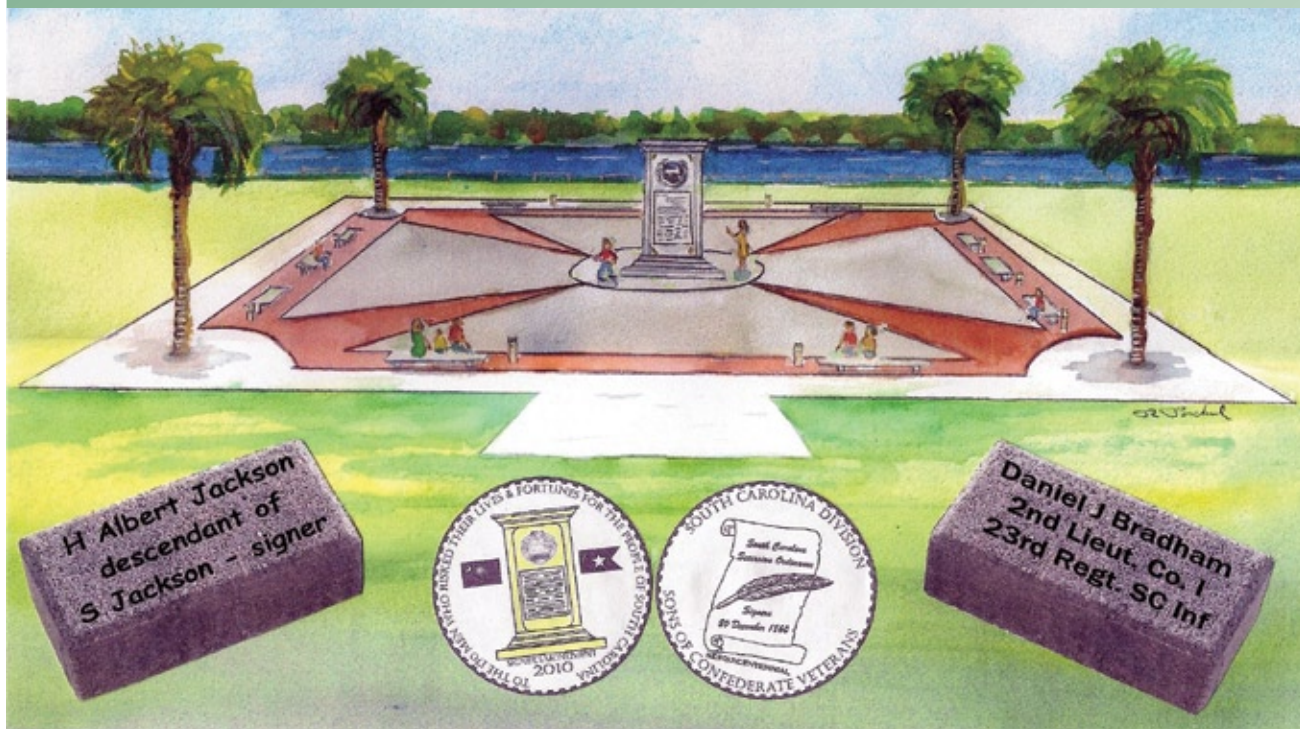
while others returned to South Carolina to rebuild and lead their state through the years of reconstruction and beyond. By their actions then, we are benefiting today from their leadership in education, law, religion, agriculture, and medicine.

As the years passed, many of these men were forgotten or lost to time. Many of their grave markers have been lost or destroyed, until finally, only one small plaque remains in Charleston to mark the location of their valiant efforts.

For this reason the South Carolina Division of the Sons of Confederate Veterans will be erecting a monument that will ensure their deeds and efforts will be remembered by future generations of South Carolinians, as well as our visitors from around the world. This monument will be 11 feet 6 inches in height, weighing approximately 20 tons. It will be laser cut with the full text of the Ordinance and include carvings and inscriptions telling why this Assembly was called. It will stand in the center of a lighted landscaped 40 foot x 40 foot plaza, with granite pavers forming a huge Southern Cross of Honor.

The South Carolina Division Signers of the Ordinance Committee respectfully requests your support. You can join in this effort and receive a limited addition .999% silver with gold overlay, numbered collectors coin, which will surely increase in value. Also included will be a permanent granite paver memorial to you or your heritage in the plaza for all the future to see. The contribution cost is \$250.00. Individual pavers are available for \$100.00. Additional memorials are also available. For further information or order forms please contact Robert Roper at 864-923-2952 rhrii7@prtcnet.com or Albert Jackson at 803-854-3986 Santeeediges@aol.com.

Albert Jackson



Dickson L. Baker Camp in Georgia, and James J. Brown of Hunter’s Arizona Rangers Camp in Tucson, Arizona attended the convention. Jim’s father was born in 1840 and entered the war in 1861. Jim was born in 1912 when his father was 72 years old. Compatriot Brown remembers his father well, and the exciting stories which he told about his war experiences.

SC Division Commander, Mark Simpson, introduced Compatriot Henry Kidd, who gave a demonstration of the true “Rebel Yell, recorded by old veterans in 1934. Compatriot Kidd said that the real rebel yell is quite different than the spontaneous one we so often make today. He described them as “gee haw yells.”

Executive Director Ben Sewell gave a report on the proposed budget and said that our current membership is 29,140. He asked us to do everything possible to push up that number, which he expected to be over 30,000 by the end of August.

Compatriot Joe Ringhoffer of the Convention Planning Committee reported that the committee recommended the 2013 reunion be held in Vicksburg, Mississippi. There was a spirited debate, as a number of members thought the reunion should be held in Gettysburg. 2013 will be the 150th anniversary of both of these critical battles but the membership voted in favor of Vicksburg.

The awards luncheon was held at noon on Thursday. South Carolina won some very valuable awards. They included the Hoover Law and Order Medal which was presented to Sergeant Dennis McCall of the Anderson Police Force. This award is given for outstanding acts of heroism in the face of extreme danger.

The Dr. George R. Tabor Award was presented to the H L Hunley Camp # 143 of Summerville, SC for being the most outstanding Camp in the Confederation. The H.L. Hunley Camp also received the General Stand Watie Award for their contributions to the Stand Watie Scholarship Fund.

The Dewitt Smith Jobe Award for the best Division Newsletter was presented to South Carolina’s *Palmetto Partisan*, Joe Payne editor, for being the most outstanding Division newsletter in the Confederation.

On Thursday night about 80 South Carolinians decided to meet at a well recommended barbecue restaurant just outside of Anderson. The occasion was a wonderful opportunity for Palmetto State SCV members to gather and have food and fellowship. A good time was had by all. Altogether, about 150 registered South Carolinians attended the reunion.

Civic Center employees said that this SCV reunion was the biggest event ever held at the Anderson Civic

Center. Including the vendors and the large number of wives and children, the total attendance was estimated to be around 1200.

Saturday morning started early with the annual Prayer Breakfast at 7 o’clock in the Civic Center. The breakfast was attended by about 80 compatriots who were admonished to have more opportunities for prayer and worship at activities, especially at re-enactments. It was also suggested that we occasionally have a program on the Great Revival that swept the Confederate Armies during the war.

The final Session began with Army meetings on Saturday morning which included the election of Army officers and vote counting. Next CIC McMichael opened

the floor to nominations for Commander-in-Chief. Past CIC Christopher Sullivan of South Carolina, nominated Lieutenant Commander Michael Givens of South Carolina. Givens 12 year old son Chandler, of Beaufort Camp # 47, seconded his father’s nomination. There were no other nominations and a motion was made to elect Givens by acclamation. The motion was passed and a standing ovation for the new CIC followed. Commander McMichael then opened the floor to nominations for Lieutenant Commander-in-Chief. SC Division Commander Mark Simpson nominated outgoing Commander of the Army of Tennessee, Charles Kelly Barrow, who ran against outgoing Army of the Trans-Mississippi Councilman Paul C. Gramling. After the two candidates gave their election speeches to the assembled compatriots, the votes were taken. While the votes were being counted, business resumed. Outgoing Army of Northern Virginia Commander Brag Bowling gave a report on the Steven D. Lee Institute which will meet on February 4th and 5th, 2011 at the Francis Marion Hotel in Charleston, South Carolina. Cost to members will be \$125.00. Past South Carolina Division Commander Randy Burbage discussed the South Carolina Sesquicentennial Heritage Ball and Ordinance of Secession Signing which will take place on December 20, 2010 in Charleston, South Carolina. CIC McMichael then recognized Ben Sewell who addressed the assembly concerning individual awards.

Next CIC McMichael announced the results of the

Army elections. The Army of Northern Virginia elected Frank Earnest of Virginia as Commander and Councilman Gene Hogan of South Carolina was re-elected. The Army of the Trans-Mississippi elected Danny Honnoll of Arkansas, Commander and Todd Owens of Louisiana was elected Councilman. After a run-off the Army of Tennessee elected Tom Strain of Alabama, Commander and Larry McCluney of Mississippi, Councilman.

Other awards presented at the convention include The Lt. General Stephen Dill Lee Award, the highest award given to a non-member of the SCV, is presented for an individual’s contributions to honor and defend the good name and true history of Confederate soldiers. This award was presented to Bobbie F. Barnett of Jonesboro, Arkansas. The Rev. J. William Jones Christian Service award was presented to Reverend Lee Patterson PhD. of Texas who, as an SCV member, wonderfully emulates and perpetuates the orthodox Christian faith demonstrated by soldiers and citizens of the CSA. The Robert E. Lee Gold Medal, the second highest award which can be given to an SCV member, was presented to F. Lee Hart III of Virginia, Cecil A. Fayard Jr. of Mississippi, and Joseph E. Ringhoffer of Alabama for their exceptional contributions and service to the SCV. The Jefferson Davis Chalice was presented to Charles L. Rand III of Louisiana. This is the highest award which may be bestowed on a member for service to the SCV and consists of an engraved silver chalice, a medal, and a certificate.

Following the presentations, CIC McMichael announced the results of the race for Lieutenant Commander-in-Chief. Charles Kelly Barrow was elected and gave his acceptance speech. Then CIC elect Michael Givens gave his acceptance speech.

Past CIC Ron Wilson gave a farewell address on leaving the National General Executive Council. Ron thanked the assembled compatriots for giving him two terms as National Commander. Next, out going CIC Charles McMichael gave his farewell speech thanking all of the compatriots who gave him the honor of serving them.

A motion was made to adjourn and voted on, followed by the singing of *Dixie*. A group photo was taken outside the convention center where the battle flag flew on the convention center pole. Afterwards, the battle flag was given to new CIC Michael Givens, thus ending the convention. Immediately following, the attendees enjoyed a beautiful and very tasty cake decorated with a large battle flag. Saturday evening, the debutantes were presented, and after the Reunion Banquet, the Grand Ball was held. Next year’s reunion will be held in Montgomery, Alabama.



Out going CIC Chuck McMichael presents new CIC Michael Givens the reunion flag. (Garrett Photography, Pickens, SC)

South Carolina Division Sons of Confederate Veterans

Policy on Hate Groups



The Sons of Confederate Veterans is not a hate group and The South Carolina Division, SCV does not knowingly allow anyone with ties to hate groups to join. The SCV has removed, and will remove, any member who expresses racist sentiments. Specifically, the following is not allowed and will be grounds for immediate dismissal:

- Membership in or attempting to recruit SCV members for racist organizations such as the Ku Klux Klan, American Nazi Party or National Alliance.
- Disseminating racist literature to fellow SCV members by mail or in person.
- Membership in any organization promoting the violent overthrow of the United States government.

ALL MEMBERS OF THE SCV MUST BE AWARE OF THESE RESTRICTIONS AS THEY WILL BE VIGOROUSLY ENFORCED.

Loving the South and defending its culture, symbols and heritage DOES NOT MEAN HATE. Many SCV members are descendents of a varied cross section of descendents of the old south, such as: Native-Americans, African-Americans, Hispanic and Asian-Americans, Jewish and Christian Confederates. These groups’ contributions to Southern culture have made the South a beautiful and unique region. To deny their descendents membership in our organization would betray our principles and the very ancestors we honor. We welcome all descendants of Confederate Soldiers, Sailors and Marines or those who materially aided the South in its struggle for independence.

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leans and Memphis, were singled out by Union forces for vicious abuse and vilification.

In New Orleans, the ruling general, Benjamin “Beast” Butler, harshly vilified Jews, and was quoted by a Jewish newspaper as saying that he could “suck the blood of every Jew, and ...will detain every Jew as long as he can.”

Jews in the South Treated Well

Meanwhile, in the South, Southern Jews were playing a prominent role in the Confederate government and armed forces, and had become accustomed,

some for a century and-a-half, to being treated as equals.

[Myer Moses, my maternal family patriarch, who fought in the American Revolution, in 1806 called his hometown of Charleston, “...this land of milk and honey.”]

Several thousand Jews, practically every man of military age, served in the Confederate forces, including my great grandfather, Andrew Jackson Moses of Sumter and his four brothers, and some two dozen other members of my extended South Carolina family.



These coins are an investment – silver seems to climb every day and the product quality is excellent. The mint that will be working for us has distinguished itself with numerous high-profile commemorative products, such as Super Bowl and World Series collector coins. For those that will purchase a set (\$999; slightly more for premium features), they are an investment in a commodity, but beyond that, they are an investment in original artwork and ultimately, an investment in the unique history of our ancestors.

This is also an opportunity for us, the men of the South Carolina Division, to make a great investment in this organization and our ability to better fulfill The Charge. A few years back, we made a commitment to restore the flags of our ancestors. An aggressive campaign such as this, taken to a successful conclusion, will gives us the ability to restore these flags that we never had before.

What might otherwise have been a decade-long process, or longer, might, possibly, now be achieved during the Sesquicentennial period. We can finish the task and make good on our commitment – to ourselves and the SCV, to the people of South Carolina and most importantly, to the memory of our forefathers who carried those colors into battle.

So what is your choice? Is today the day that you and your camp will commit to this project – whether as an investor or a purchaser of the final product, this is our one great opportunity to make this Program a success and to move this division light years ahead of where we dared to dream it could ever be. Please see the ad on page 4 for the details.

VETERANS DAY PARADE

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The Confederate Soldier was NEVER not an American!

March with the Division in Columbia’s grand 2010 Annual Veterans Day Parade, the largest in the state! Over 100 units and 20,000+ spectators viewed last year’s parade. Come be a part of this great American tradition!

WHERE: Columbia near Elmwood Ave. and Main St.
WHEN: Thursday, Nov. 11th
TIME: 10:00 a.m. sharp!
WHO: All Division members especially ALL VETERANS!
DRESS: Coat & Tie please! Or uniform.
CONTACT: Dean Stevens, CMD Chairman,
803-760-2018,
cpldsofhh@aol.com.

It is our SACRED DUTY to honor the Confederate veterans. It is our PATRIOTIC DUTY to pay respect to all American veterans.

The Confederacy had a Jewish Secretary of War and later State, Judah P. Benjamin, and the top Confederate commander, General Robert E. Lee, is renowned for publicly showing great respect for his Jewish soldiers.

The South’s Honorable War Tactics

The South played by different rules than the North, as typified by General James Longstreet’s chief commissary officer, my ancestor Major Raphael Jacob Moses, the uncle of the five Moses brothers. He participated in many of the major battles in the East, and was responsible for supplying and feeding an army of up to 54,000 troops, including porters and other non-combatants.

General Lee had forbidden him from entering private homes in search of supplies in raids into Union territory (such as the incursions into Pennsylvania), even when food and other provisions were in painfully short supply, and his soldiers were suffering greatly from this lack of supplies.

Often while seizing supplies, Moses encountered considerable hostility and abuse from the local women,

states would have most surely known they would have fared better by not seceding in the first place and certainly better off if they had returned to the Union and accepted Lincoln’s guarantees on slavery.

So if not slavery, what was the most significant cause of secession? Simply put, the politics of power. With the election of Lincoln, a divisive candidate who never campaigned in the South and was not even on the ballot in many southern states, the balance of political power had finally tipped to the North’s advantage. The South had already lost its numerical advantage in Congress, and with Lincoln, the North could finally take full advantage of their unchecked political power to work the system, as they pleased, to the detriment of the South.

Interestingly enough, a modern-day parallel to the national political atmosphere surrounding the secession of 1860-61 arose

which he always endured in good humor, and it became a source of much teasing from his fellow officers.

A Lost Cause, but an Honorable One

The truth is that the brave and hopelessly outnumbered Confederate soldiers were fighting not for slavery but because an often cruel and brutal invading army was trying, with great success, to kill them, burn their cities and homes, and destroy their homeland.

In attempting to defend their country and their families, our boys may have been fighting for a Lost Cause, but it was an honorable one, that should not be forgotten.

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If there had been no 2nd Amendment in 1861, the South could not have raised an army to defend itself against the invading Northern forces.

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when, in 2000, another polarizing candidate was elected president, disturbing the balance of power in Washington and exposing a deep sectional divide known as the “red states versus blue states.” This present-day political chasm continues to deepen and harden as the balance of power teeters harshly from one side to the other. While it hasn’t produced any serious discussion of secession, its eerie similarity to the actual secession of 1860-61 makes it easy to understand the regional outcries when the election of a polarizing president represents the coming political control of one section of the country over another.

When viewed through the lens of reason and common sense, the causes of secession were many, but the South’s loss of political power and influence was clearly the most significant.

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Our Southern heritage is a rich and noble birthright that too often we take for granted. It was only through the determination, dedication, and suffering of our forbearers that we are who we are today. They passed down their knowledge and experiences to us so we could have a better life. Their last mark on earth is the tombstone left behind. Each had his own individual story which now lives only in our hearts. The following is just one of many such stories.

Like so many others in the agricultural South, John S. Thompkins grew up on his family’s farm, learning to work the soil to provide for their needs. His parents, just as theirs before them, instilled in John and his siblings strong family values, their own religious beliefs, and a sense of pride in honest labor.

When the War to Prevent Southern Independence broke out, John and two of his brothers, James and Lexington, left their parents and younger siblings in Bucks community in Horry County, SC, to defend their rights and property. All three joined the 10th SC Infantry, Company C, along with other young men from their area.

Over the next four years they suffered extremely for their young nation; through hunger, cold, heat, disease, and lack of sufficient supplies. Yet they fought on, through the Mississippi and Kentucky Campaigns in Manigault’s Brigade. They served with the Army of Tennessee from Murfreesboro to Atlanta, and at Chickamauga suffered many casualties. They endured Hood’s winter campaign and saw ruthless action in North Carolina.

Miraculously, all three Thompkins survived the war and returned to South Carolina. His two brothers bought land, married, and raised families of their own, while John returned to care for his ailing and now widowed mother and to run the family farm. He, too, would later marry and raise a family in the same location which he grew up.

More than 100 years have past, but the sacrifices these and other Southern men

endured is not forgotten, remembered only through the hearts of their descendants. But what about those individuals, what about their independent stories? Their lone recognition is written on their tombstones in cemeteries all across this land. Can their story still be read and told? Are their markers still standing ready to reveal their singular history and declare their existence on Earth?

The recovery of John’s final resting place brings his story back to life. Yet there are markers in public and church cemeteries that are being broken and destroyed as well. Will someone be able to see their history 100 years from now?

The South Carolina Division Guardian Program recognizes those members of the SCV who have chosen to permanently protect and care for the Confederate soldier’s grave. Are you willing to follow the Charge and really assume “the guardianship of his history?” Will you honor his memory and protect his last chapter on earth?

For information on the Guardian Program visit the SC Division web site or contact Steve Douglas at 803-854-2103 or at dougfam001@msn.com.



“To you, Sons of Confederate Veterans, we will commit the vindication of the cause for which we fought. To your strength will be given the defense of the Confederate soldier’s good name, the guardianship of his history, the emulation of his virtues, the perpetuation of those principles which he loved and which you love also, and those ideals which made him glorious and which you also cherish.”

The Charge is the official “Mission Statement of the Sons of Confederate Veterans”

Lt. Gen. Stephen Dill Lee

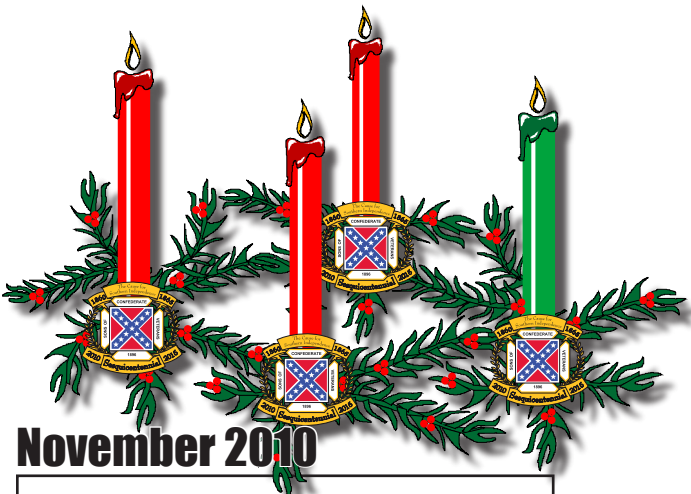
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